

## City Manager Moves On

*A Personal Message from Jan Perkins*

***"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."***

Eleanor Roosevelt



I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the dream of Fremont with you. It has been wonderful being part of the unique community that is Fremont for the nearly twelve years I've been here. I have decided it is time for me to begin a new phase of my life and pursue a number of other interests. For that reason, I will be leaving as City Manager at the end of July 2004. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



The City Council, staff and community should be very proud of what has been collectively created and accomplished in Fremont's young history as a city. I have loved working with you to fulfill part of Fremont's potential, in this unique community created out of five small towns by very forward thinking founders. The vision of a vibrant, safe, attractive, family oriented community with control over its own destiny has been steadily implemented since 1956. The future is ripe with opportunity for Fremont.

I will always be grateful to the Fremont City Council which appointed me: Gus Morrison, John Dutra, Bob Wasserman, Judy Zlatnik, and Bill Ball. I truly appreciate the support I have received from all Councilmembers with

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## "Let Freedom Ring" 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is just around the corner!

Taking place in the North Fremont area (the sixth district to host the parade), the parade route will be along Fremont Boulevard between

Tamayo and Alder avenues (in front of American High School) and is expected to kick off at 11:00 a.m.

This year's parade is being organized and funded 100% by community members in Fremont. The Fremont 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade committee, in partnership with the Fremont Exchange Club, helped raise over \$50,000 for this year's event.

The parade will start with an exciting flyover of two WWII military planes over Fremont Boulevard. Mayor Gus Morrison will then lead the parade as this year's Grand Marshall. For the first time the parade will also feature large balloons, similar to the ones used in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, in addition to typical parade entries. The parade will conclude with a BBQ sponsored by the American High School Booster's Club in the grass area on the corner of Fremont Boulevard and Alder Avenue. The public is invited to attend all events.

This year's parade organizers, John Smith and Bernadette Chinn, are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested in helping, participating in the parade or if you want more information, please visit [www.fremont4thofjulyparade.com](http://www.fremont4thofjulyparade.com).

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whom I have worked over the years: JoNelle Zager, Geoffrey Steel, Bill Pease, Steve Cho, and Dominic Dutra. Fremont is fortunate to have a tradition of exceptional City Councils, comprised of people who focus on the best interests and well-being of the community.

My work in and for Fremont has been deeply fulfilling. These years have flown by and have truly been the highlight of my twenty-nine year career devoted to serving the goals of local democracy and community improvement. My career was first inspired by my parents who strongly believed that each of us is obligated to help our communities grow and be well governed. I then took up the challenge offered to all Americans by President John F. Kennedy to *"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."* Being able to serve the public by being part of the Fremont team has been marvelous. We are so fortunate to have very talented, enthusiastic, creative and committed City staff.

Fremont has been my adopted home for twelve years, and now it is time for me to explore new horizons. My husband and I intend to travel, both internationally and within the United States. We have family members throughout the country we want to spend time with. I intend to take up classical piano again, and relearn both Spanish and French. Public service will continue to be an important focus in my life as well, but perhaps in other arenas, such as politics, college level teaching, mentoring young people considering careers in local government, or consulting with cities and public agencies.

Thank you for all of the support and confidence you have shown in me over the years. I will leave at the end of July with tremendous satisfaction, wonderful memories, and many lasting friendships. Fremont will always be an important home to me.

With sincere appreciation,

  
Jan Perkins  
City Manager

## Did You Know...?

### Please Remember:

#### Fireworks are Banned in Fremont



Please remember that the sale, possession, and use of fireworks are banned within the City of Fremont. This ban includes the "safe and sane" variety of fireworks that are legal in some other cities.

Need to dispose of your fireworks? Deliver them to any Fremont Fire Station between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. any day of the week. Please do not leave fireworks if personnel are not present to accept them.

For the location of neighborhood fire stations, please visit the City's website at [www.fremont.gov/Fire/FireStations](http://www.fremont.gov/Fire/FireStations) or call 925-422-7594.

### New City Manager Recruitment Underway

The City Council has retained the services of a professional recruiter to assist with the search for a new City Manager. It is anticipated the position will garner interest from city managers across the country thanks to Fremont's excellent reputation. According to the current schedule, an

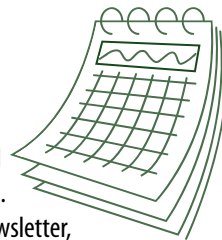
appointment to this position will probably be announced in September.

### Fire Chief Accepts New Position in Arizona

The City bids farewell to Fire Chief William L. "Willie" McDonald, who will be leaving Fremont this month to become the Fire Chief for the City of Scottsdale, Arizona. Fremont Fire Division Chief Bill Reykalin was appointed as interim Fire Chief for the Department to ensure a smooth transition of leadership, and recruitment for a permanent successor is underway.

### City's Fiscal Year

The City's Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30. Throughout the newsletter, references are made to:



- **Fiscal Year 2003/04**  
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004)
- **Fiscal Year 2004/05**  
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005)
- **Fiscal Year 2005/06**  
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006)

### City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue. (Work sessions are held on the third Tuesday of each month, times vary.) Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27.

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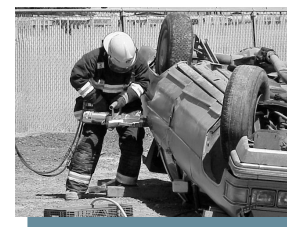
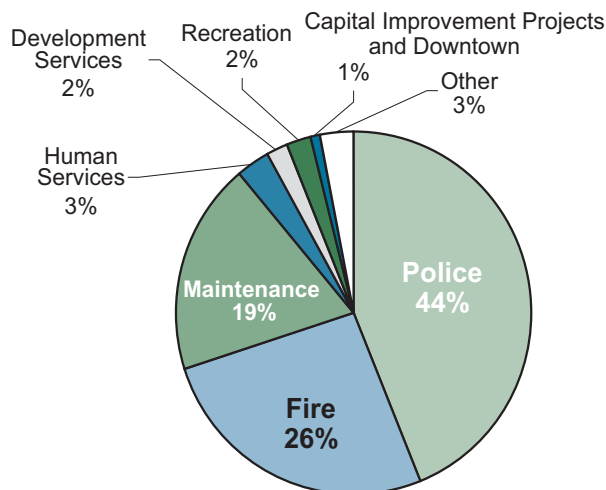
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# City Hall News

## City Council Priorities

Did you know the City spends almost 90% of the General Fund operating budget on the City Council's priority areas of police, fire, and maintenance?



**Efforts to maintain a safe and healthy community remain a top priority for the City.**

## Living Within our Means

For the last three years, the City has grappled with a budget shortfall caused by two main factors:

- 1) The technology-centered recession that cost the City \$20 million through reduced sales tax revenue;
- 2) State takeaways that account for approximately \$5 million in losses.

In response to this shortfall, we have reduced City staff by about 20%, cut spending by \$22 million (about 17% of the City's General Fund), re-financed debt to save money and worked to recruit new sales tax generating retail. The City's proactive approach will help us contend with new State takeaways and continued weakness in the local economy.

## Status of Fremont's Four Point Plan

In November 2002, the City Council approved a Four Point Plan of action in order to maintain the City's ability to provide valued services to Fremont's residents. The status of the Four Point Plan is:

### 1. Cut Spending and Reduce Services to Live Within our Means

The City has reduced spending by \$22 million through eliminating positions and programs to adjust to lower revenues.

### 2. Increase Fees

Fees are periodically increased to cover the cost of City services. The City Council adopted a community planning processing fee to pay for General Plan updates and for customer service counter time in the Development Services Center. Fees at the Senior Center were increased for meals and services.

### 3. Focus on Retail and Economic Development

Thanks in part to our retail recruitment efforts, new retailers and restaurants are coming to Fremont. Pacific Commons, located at the corner of I-880 and Auto Mall Parkway, will open this fall. The new Washington West retail center, at the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and Capitol Avenue, will have new retail openings by the end of the year. In addition, the Fremont Hub is under re-construction and is adding new tenants.

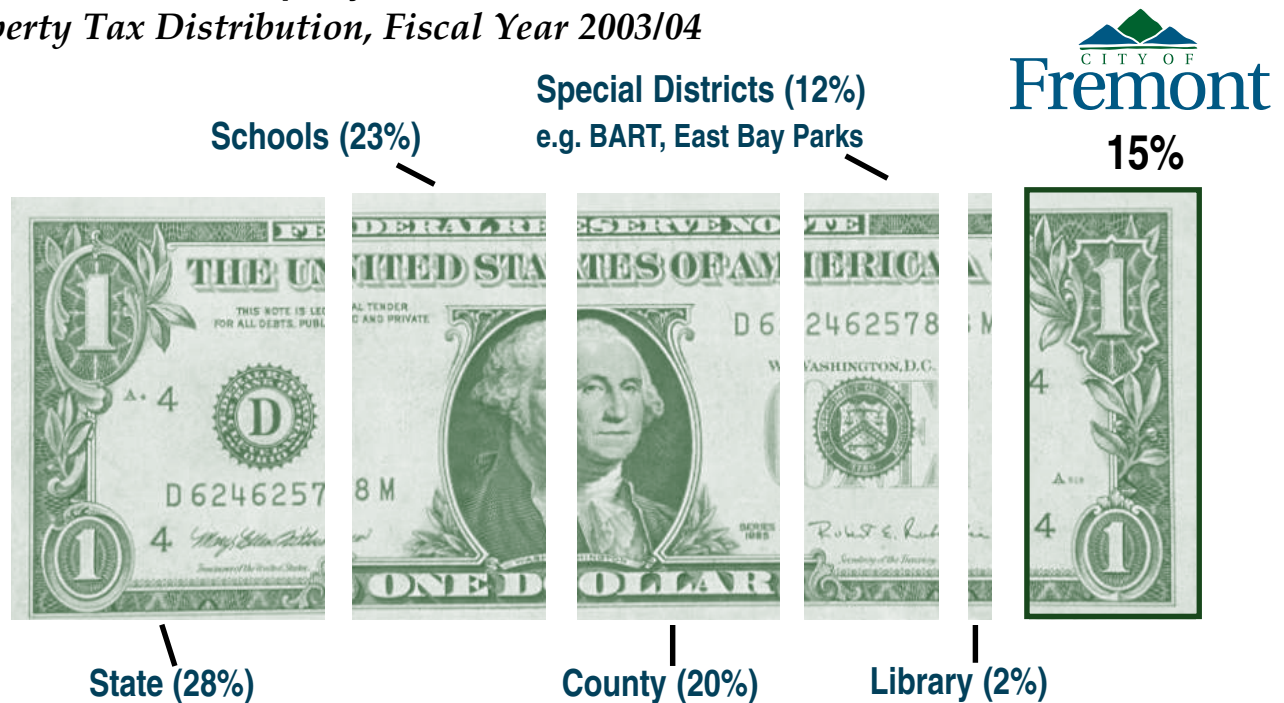
### 4. Explore Tax Increases

New or increased taxes are needed to provide core services. Currently, the City Council is discussing tax options for Fremont voters to consider.

# City Hall News

## Where Does Your Property Tax Dollar Go?

Property Tax Distribution, Fiscal Year 2003/04



Fremont's Share of Property Tax Compared to Other Cities and Alameda County

	Berkeley	Oakland	Pleasanton	Newark	Alameda County	Fremont
Share of property tax each city or the county receives:	33%	27%	25%	17%	21%	15%
Compared to Fremont:	120% More	80% More	66% More	13% More	40% More	n/a
Tax amount each city or the county receives on a \$500,000 home:	\$1,650	\$1,350	\$1,250	\$850	\$1,050	\$750

Source: Fiscal Year 2003/04 published budgets



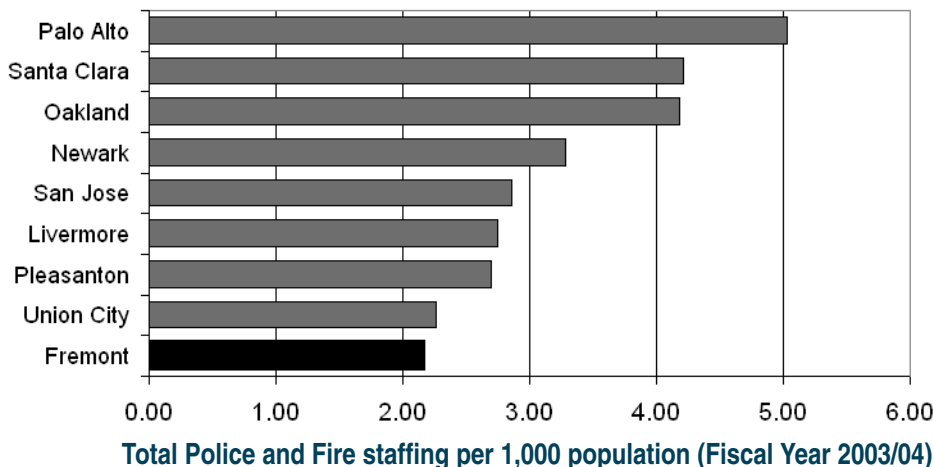


## Fremont Public Safety Staffing Lowest in Area

Fremont prides itself on efficient public safety services. We are fortunate that many citizens are involved with volunteer programs like the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) that enhance Fremont's ability to provide public safety services. However, Fremont's staffing levels are much lower than other cities in the area with which we are frequently compared. The reason for our low staffing is lack of sufficient local tax revenues.

### Lower Staffing Ratio:

- Fremont's total public safety staffing (sworn and non-sworn) is 50% lower than the average levels in cities in both Alameda and Santa Clara counties.
- Fremont = 2.16 staff per 1,000 population; Alameda County = 3.34 staff per 1,000 population; and Santa Clara County = 3.46 staff per 1,000 population.
- To staff to the average of these counties, Fremont would need about 250 additional employees (140 Police, 110 Fire). This would cost about \$30 million per year.



## Comparison of Public Safety Service Levels

One way to help ensure a safer Fremont is a working partnership between the Police Department and the community to identify and address crime trends, and not just deal with life-threatening emergencies. Since reducing the police budget in Fiscal Year 2003/04 by nearly 12%, we've had to focus our limited police resources on emergency response and on the identified high crime rate areas of the community. We eliminated virtually all programs dealing with crime prevention, gang prevention, and police officers in the middle and elementary schools, reduced animal service functions by 50%, and decreased our time spent on neighborhood misdemeanor crime, auto thefts, and other quality of life issues which are important to our community. In

Fiscal Year 2002/03, before the budget reductions, we were able to support these programs as well as devote time to improved officer safety, traffic complaints and commercial traffic enforcement programs.



In the Fire Department, we have reduced the range and level of services to the community. We closed the fire station in the West Industrial (Baylands) area (housed in a temporary building).

In addition, the City implemented rolling fire station closures, which occur whenever three out of the total number of firefighters normally scheduled to work are sick, on injury leave or on vacation. These rolling station closures may increase our emergency response times. We have also decreased or eliminated our public education and fire prevention programs and our staff training. With adequate funding, we could reopen the recently closed fire station, end rolling station closures, and restore public education and fire prevention programs.

# City Hall News

## Street Maintenance Deferred

### *Property Values at Risk*

The condition of city streets affects property values and how people feel about their neighborhoods. The budget cuts the City has made over the past three years to maintenance have added to our deferred maintenance backlog, which is currently valued at \$33 million. This means it would cost the City \$33 million to bring street conditions up to the City's standards. More local tax dollars are needed for that to occur.

Did you know the City has 475 lane-miles of streets, valued at \$370 million? At current investment levels, this backlog will grow from about \$33 million to about \$140 million over the next fifteen years.

The City currently spends about \$3.7 million per year on street maintenance (\$2.5 million on resurfacing and \$1.2 million on routine repairs including pothole and curb/gutter patching). We could correct the deferred maintenance backlog with an annual investment of \$14 million for five years. After this period, we would need only about \$4.2 million per year to keep streets in good condition.



*Deferred maintenance increases the need for pothole repairs.*

*Repairs don't occur as often as in the past.*



*Reduction in repainting cycles causes faded street marking.*

## Fewer Taxes in Fremont

Fremont has relatively few revenue sources compared to other cities. We rely heavily on the revenues assigned to us by the State—property taxes, sales taxes, and vehicle license fees (VLF)—to fund most City operations. Unfortunately, we do not receive enough revenue from these sources to pay for basic operations. Further, Fremont's reliance on the State of California leaves the community particularly vulnerable whenever the State gets into trouble with its budget or the economy slips.

As the table on the right shows, other cities have a broader revenue mix that includes locally controlled utility user taxes, paramedic/emergency services parcel tax, higher hotel/motel taxes, and other taxes and assessments. Communities with broader revenue bases that include locally controlled taxes and fees have greater control of basic services and the future of their community.

Comparison of Alameda County Cities and Locally Controlled Taxes				
City	Utility Users Tax	Hotel/Motel Tax	Paramedic/Emergency Services Parcel Tax	Other Special Assessments
Alameda	7.50%	10.00%	\$0.00	\$53.48
Albany	7.00%	10.00%	\$75.52	\$242.04
Berkeley	7.50%	12.00%	\$45.36	\$501.02
Dublin	0.00%	8.00%	\$10.00	\$16.84
Emeryville	5.50%	12.00%	\$24.00	\$0.00
<b>Fremont</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>8.00%</b>	<b>\$13.42</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>
Hayward	5.00%	8.50%	\$0.00	28.56
Livermore	0.00%	8.00%	\$11.74	\$21.58
Newark	0.00%	10.00%	\$12.70	\$20.32
Oakland	7.50%	11.00%	\$18.78	\$147.60
Piedmont	7.50%	0.00%	\$18.46	\$237.00
Pleasanton	0.00%	8.00%	\$0.00	\$14.06
San Leandro	6.00%	10.00%	\$12.22	\$26.32
Union City	0.00%	8.50%	\$12.44	\$111.90

Source: City of Fremont

# City Hall News

## Loss of Local Control Over Time

### 25 Years of State Takeaways Shift City's Budget

**The State currently controls 70% of the City's budget**



Over the past 25 years, the City has seen a decline in our ability to control local revenues as the State discovers new ways to balance its own budget.

**1978:** The voters passed Proposition 13, which limited property taxes. New legislation locked in Fremont's low share (15%) of property tax dollars.

**1992:** To balance its own budget, the State took property tax dollars away from cities and counties. The annual loss for Fremont is \$11 million, totaling about \$120 million in 12 years.

**2003:** The State promised that cities would not be hurt when they cut the vehicle license fees (VLF). However, they broke their promise, and the City lost \$3.8 million.

**2004:** Governor Schwarzenegger proposes to take \$2.7 million from the City of Fremont and \$2.3 million from the City's Redevelopment Agency.

## Fire Safety Bond Update

PROJECT:	STATUS:
Seismic Retrofit of: Mission Fire Station (#4), Warm Springs Fire Station (#5), Stevenson Fire Station (#9), and Ardenwood Fire Station (#10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction will start on Fire Stations #4 and #9 this summer, with construction on Fire Stations #5 and #10 to follow this winter.</li> </ul>
Seismic retrofit and major remodeling of the Grimmer Fire Station (#7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project to go out to bid in the fall, with construction starting in late fall or winter.</li> </ul>
New North Fremont Fire Station (#8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One acre parcel acquired across from the Brookvale Shopping Center.</li> <li>Initial community engagement on design issues completed.</li> <li>Construction is planned to start in 2005.</li> </ul>
New Centerville Fire Station (#6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The preferred location is identified as the "truck center" site at Central Avenue and Dusterberry Way; the City is in negotiations with the owner.</li> <li>Design and community engagement to begin this summer.</li> </ul>
New Niles Fire Station (#2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred replacement site is the site of the existing fire station on Second Street (near H Street).</li> <li>Design and community engagement is underway.</li> </ul>
Seismic retrofit and major remodeling of the Central Fire Station (#1) and the Irvington Fire Station (#3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design to begin in the fall.</li> </ul>
Public Safety Training Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional partnerships and site options are being explored.</li> <li>Scheduled to be the last project designed and constructed.</li> </ul>



## You've Got Mail!

### City Collects Email Addresses to Send Updates

If you are interested in receiving periodic updates from the City via email about current issues facing our community, please provide us with your email address. The City will only use your information to send important updates; we will not sell or give your information to another organization.

Please visit [www.fremont.gov/CurrentNews](http://www.fremont.gov/CurrentNews) and complete the electronic form to participate.

# Our Community

## New Business Programs

On May 25, the Fremont City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, approved the revised Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program and the new Façade Improvement Program. Both programs are targeted for small businesses located in the Centerville, Irvington, and Niles Redevelopment Project Areas.

The **Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program** provides low-interest loans to assist property and business owners to improve the outward appearance of buildings and to bring structures into compliance with building codes. The proposed program will target funds for historic preservation, structural renovation, building improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and includes design and construction management assistance. The main goal is to assist with building rehabilitation in order to eliminate blight and/or improve the physical environment of commercial structures within the Redevelopment Project Areas.

The **Façade Improvement Program** aims to encourage the rehabilitation of storefronts in an effort to create a more attractive retail-shopping environment while reducing blight and improving the city's image. The program consists of a match whereby the Redevelopment Agency contributes 80% of total costs up to \$20,000 and the tenant/property owners provide a 20% match. Eligible improvements to commercial and residential buildings will include, in order of priority: exterior painting, signage, awnings, exterior lighting, cleaning of masonry, re-caulking, landscaping, repair/replacement of doors or windows visible from public view.

To see the most recent commercial rehabilitation project underway, visit the Minerva Building at 37463 Fremont Boulevard. Renovations include extensive façade improvement, seismic upgrades, and an addition to the kitchen area. This project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

For more information on either program, contact Special Assistant Eva M. Terrazas at [eterrazas@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:eterrazas@ci.fremont.ca.us) or 494-4502.



## National Night Out Strengthens Neighborhood Spirit, Unity

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and raise crime prevention awareness by helping neighbors get to know one another; it's the nation's block party night!



*One of the 121 parties hosted by Fremont residents last year.*

**This year National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Fremont residents are invited to host a block party, barbecue, ice cream social or another activity held outside and involving one's neighbors.

To register your event or learn more information, contact Community Engagement Specialist Geneva Bosques at [gbosques@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:gbosques@ci.fremont.ca.us) or 790-6957. The deadline to register is July 23. Please include the following information when you register: name of host(s), address, home and work phone numbers, email address, address or specific location of your event, and approximate number of people you expect to attend.

If you would like to block off the street for your event, you will need to complete and submit a Special Event Permit application. The deadline for filing a Special Event Permit application is Friday, July 23. You may either download the application at [www.fremont.gov/Permits/OtherPermits/SpecialEventsPermit](http://www.fremont.gov/Permits/OtherPermits/SpecialEventsPermit) (use the Low Impact Application) or pick one up at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building A, or the Development Services Center at 39550 Liberty Street. For more information on the permit application, contact the Development Services Center at 494-4487. (Please note a permit is not required for private streets.)

National Night Out is an enjoyable and productive way for people to meet each other and have fun. Consider hosting an event on August 3 in your neighborhood!



The City extends a special thanks to platinum sponsors (\$5,000): Fremont Vista Retirement Homes, Kaiser Permanente, Mission Peak Homes, Sunhill Corporation, Tri-City Elder Coalition, and Washington Hospital Healthcare System; and gold sponsors (\$2,500): Cargill Salt, Citizens for Better Community, Fremont Marriott Hotel, Fremont Fire Fighters Association Local 1689, Santa Clara Development, Sisters of the Holy Family, and The Family of Esther Flory.

## Senior Services Fundraiser - A Smash Hit

More than 250 supporters of City of Fremont senior programs enjoyed great food and entertainment at the Fremont Marriott Hotel on May 20 for the first annual "Meet Me on Broadway" fundraiser. The event raised more than \$60,000 to help sustain the City's in-home services for the elderly and programs at the Senior Center that are at-risk due to government (primarily county and state) budget cuts.



# Neighborhoods

## Niles Redevelopment Update

The Redevelopment Agency is continuing its work on the environmental clean-up plan for the 5.25 acre former Union Pacific property. This property is located in the heart of Niles on the north side of Niles Boulevard between H and J streets. In addition, the Agency is reactivating the effort to plan the property's future redevelopment, which will include a town square as the focal point. There will be community meetings in June and July to discuss the town square design and its integration into the surrounding business district.

The Redevelopment Agency is also working with Niles business owners to stimulate the economic vitality of the area, particularly through enhancing the pedestrian connection (anticipated completion by late 2004) from the Niles Historic Train to Niles Boulevard and by amending the development and parking regulations for the Niles commercial district.

For more information on Niles area redevelopment activities, please contact Redevelopment Project Manager Luke Connolly at [lconnolly@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:lconnolly@ci.fremont.ca.us) or 494-4513.

## Focus on Irvington District for Construction, Redevelopment

Fremont's Irvington District is the focus of a significant amount of infrastructure construction and redevelopment efforts. With five major projects totaling approximately \$90 million, the most notable direct benefits will be improvements to traffic flow and safety, as well as street improvements.

The funding for these projects primarily comes from special funding sources specifically dedicated for street improvements; these include the gas tax, Measure B funds, and traffic impact fees. None of these funds can be used for City operations. Read below to learn more about the various projects.

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE*	BENEFITS	SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC IMPACTS
<b>Fremont Boulevard Widening</b>	On Fremont Boulevard, between Irvington Avenue and Blacow Road	Mid-April—October 2004	Will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbs, gutters, sidewalk improvements</li> <li>• Traffic signals</li> <li>• Curbed landscaped medians</li> <li>• Palm trees</li> <li>• Relocation of Business District sign</li> <li>• Two traffic lanes in each direction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal impacts</li> <li>• Access maintained, unless 48-hour notice by contractor</li> </ul>
<b>Washington Boulevard Widening</b>	On Washington Boulevard, between Olive Avenue and I-680	March 2, 2004—February 2005	Will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two traffic lanes and bike lane in each direction</li> <li>• Curbs, sidewalk improvements and a raised landscaped median</li> <li>• Traffic signal at Washington/Meredith intersection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal impacts</li> <li>• Access maintained with one lane in each direction</li> </ul>
<b>Osgood Road Widening</b>	On Osgood Road, between Washington Boulevard and Auto Mall Parkway	Summer 2005—December 2005	Will result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed roadway</li> <li>• Two through lanes in each direction</li> <li>• Middle two-way left turn lane</li> <li>• Bike lanes and sidewalks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal impacts</li> <li>• One lane of traffic maintained throughout construction</li> <li>• Access restrictions will be coordinated with residents</li> </ul>
<b>Roberts Avenue Sidewalk Improvements</b>	Roberts Avenue	March 2005—June 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a continuous sidewalk on both sides of the street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal impacts</li> <li>• Maintain two-way traffic during construction</li> </ul>
<b>Washington Boulevard/Paseo Padre Parkway Grade Separation</b>	Washington Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway	Late 2004—Fall 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate traffic delays due to railroad crossings and improve safety</li> <li>• Accommodate planned BART extension to Warm Springs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staged construction/detours for approximately 30 months (specifics to be identified as timeline approaches)</li> </ul>

\*Project schedules are subject to change. For the latest updates, please visit the City's website at [www.fremont.gov/Construction/IrvingtonConstruction](http://www.fremont.gov/Construction/IrvingtonConstruction).

# e n v i r o n m e n

## Food Scrap “Tidbits” Section Debuts

Welcome to “Tidbits,” a new section in *City News*, for residents who have questions about Fremont’s food scrap program and are looking for answers. Let this new section help you make the most of this helpful service!

### Tidbit #1

**Q.** What are food scraps and what kind can be placed in my green organics cart?

**A.** Food scraps are leftover or unused foods that are produced in your home including bread, coffee grounds, dairy products (butter, cheese and yogurt are acceptable in your green cart, however do not include these if you are composting in your backyard), eggshells, fruit, leftover cooked or raw foods, meat and bones (beef, pork, chicken, fish, etc. are acceptable in your green cart, however do not include these if you are composting in your backyard), pasta, rice, vegetables and peelings. Food-soiled papers can also be placed in your green cart.

### Tidbit #2

**Q.** I’m concerned about possible odors with the food scrap program.

**A.** Consider using newspaper or a brown paper bag to do the following:

- (1) Line your Kitchen Pail.
- (2) Wrap food scraps before putting them into the green cart.
- (3) Freeze or refrigerate the food scraps until collection day.

Based on our recent food scrap audit, we’ve noticed plastic bags in some of the green carts. Please **do not** use plastic bags with food scraps because the bags cannot be composted and will contaminate the final product. Only newspapers or paper bags may be used with the food scraps.

For more information on the food scrap program, call BFI at 657-3500 or visit the City’s website at [www.fremont.gov/Environment](http://www.fremont.gov/Environment). For information about backyard composting, call the Rotline at 510-444-SOIL.

## Thousands Enjoy Annual Compost Giveaway



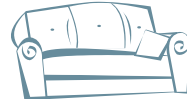
Fremont’s 9th annual Compost Giveaway was a huge success! An estimated 3,300 Fremont residents took part in the drive-through pickup service on Saturday, April 3 at the New United Motors Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI) facility. More than 7,000 bags of compost, made from yard waste and food scraps collected from Fremont’s residential curbside organics program (green carts), were distributed.

## Bulking Up: Remember Your Bulky Goods Pickup



Fremont residents who have curbside service with BFI are eligible for two on-call bulky item pickups every 15 months (beginning in September and going through December of the following year).

To schedule your pickup, call BFI at least 2-3 weeks in advance of the date you’d like this service provided; the bulky item collection will take place on your regular collection day.



The City of Fremont and BFI have partnered with a local non-profit organization that works to find new homes for your old items. If you think your discarded items are in good condition and can be reused, let BFI know at the time you call to schedule your pickup.

Please call BFI Customer Service at 657-3500 for more information or to schedule a pickup.



## Be Kind While Making Your Vehicle Shine



Did you know washing a vehicle on a street or driveway can pollute the San Francisco Bay?

This is possible because soap and detergents scour away oil, metals, dirt and other pollutants that run down the street gutter into the

nearest storm drain. The dirty wash water then carries these pollutants through pipes, channels and creeks on its way to the Bay where the pollutants are toxic to aquatic life.

Here are a couple of ways to reduce or even eliminate this source of water pollution:

**The City’s preferred option is to take your vehicle to a full-service car wash.** There, wash water is recycled and treated before it’s discharged to the sanitary sewer system.

A second option, if you choose to clean your vehicle at home, is to use only water without soap or chemicals, and direct the wash water onto a landscaped area. Please keep in mind that this method might require a little more “elbow grease.”

If you are planning a charity car wash, or want more information about washing vehicles in Fremont, please call the City of Fremont Clean Water Program at 494-4740.

## Swimming Pool, Spa, and Fountain Maintenance Tips

The way you maintain your swimming pool, spa or fountain can make a significant difference in the water quality of our creeks and the Bay. Did you know it is illegal to discharge chlorinated/algae controlled pool water and filter rinsewater/backwash to creeks, gutters or storm drains?

Follow the best management practices below to find out what you should do with the water:

### Pool, Spa and Fountain Water

- Discharge chlorinated water to sanitary sewer (sink or toilet) through a sewer clean out located outside your home.
- Discharge to the storm drain (gutter/drain inlet) only if the water:
  - Has been dechlorinated and
  - Is at ambient temperature and
  - Has no copper-based algae control products.

### Filter Rinsewater/Backwash

- Clean filter and discharge rinsewater to a landscaped area.
- Backwash diatomaceous earth (DE) filters (commonly used filters) onto dirt and dispose DE in the garbage.

If you hire a service contractor, make sure they are disposing of water properly in the sanitary sewer, not in the storm drain.

For more information, visit the City's website at [www.fremont.gov/Environment/CurrentNews](http://www.fremont.gov/Environment/CurrentNews).

## Upcoming Creek Cleanup Schedule

Need hours for community service projects? Interested in earning a scout badge? Want to help the environment? Look no further.

Mark your calendar and get involved in these upcoming creek cleanups (locations to be determined):

- ✓ Friday, June 25
- ✓ Friday, July 9
- ✓ Friday, July 23
- ✓ Friday, August 6
- ✓ Saturday, September 18 (California Coastal Cleanup Day)

Contact Creek Cleanup Coordinator Val Blakely at [vblakely@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:vblakely@ci.fremont.ca.us) or 494-4786 for more details and/or to register for the event.

## Toyota Logistics Plant Goes 'Green'

Toyota Logistics Services, Inc. (TLS) of Fremont is the first automotive distribution company in the Bay Area to be certified as a Bay Area Green Business<sup>1</sup>. On April 6 the plant, located at 45250 Fremont



*TLS employees\* receive a certificate of recognition.*

Boulevard, was recognized by the Fremont City Council for meeting high performance standards in energy, water and materials conservation.

TLS was able to reduce paper and other waste in the local facility through efficient inventory management and by selecting reusable or recyclable packaging. The company recycles paper, cardboard, plastics, fluorescent lamps, and scrap metal. Vendor packaging and wood pallets are returned for reuse. TLS also retrofitted offices and production areas with lower-wattage lights.

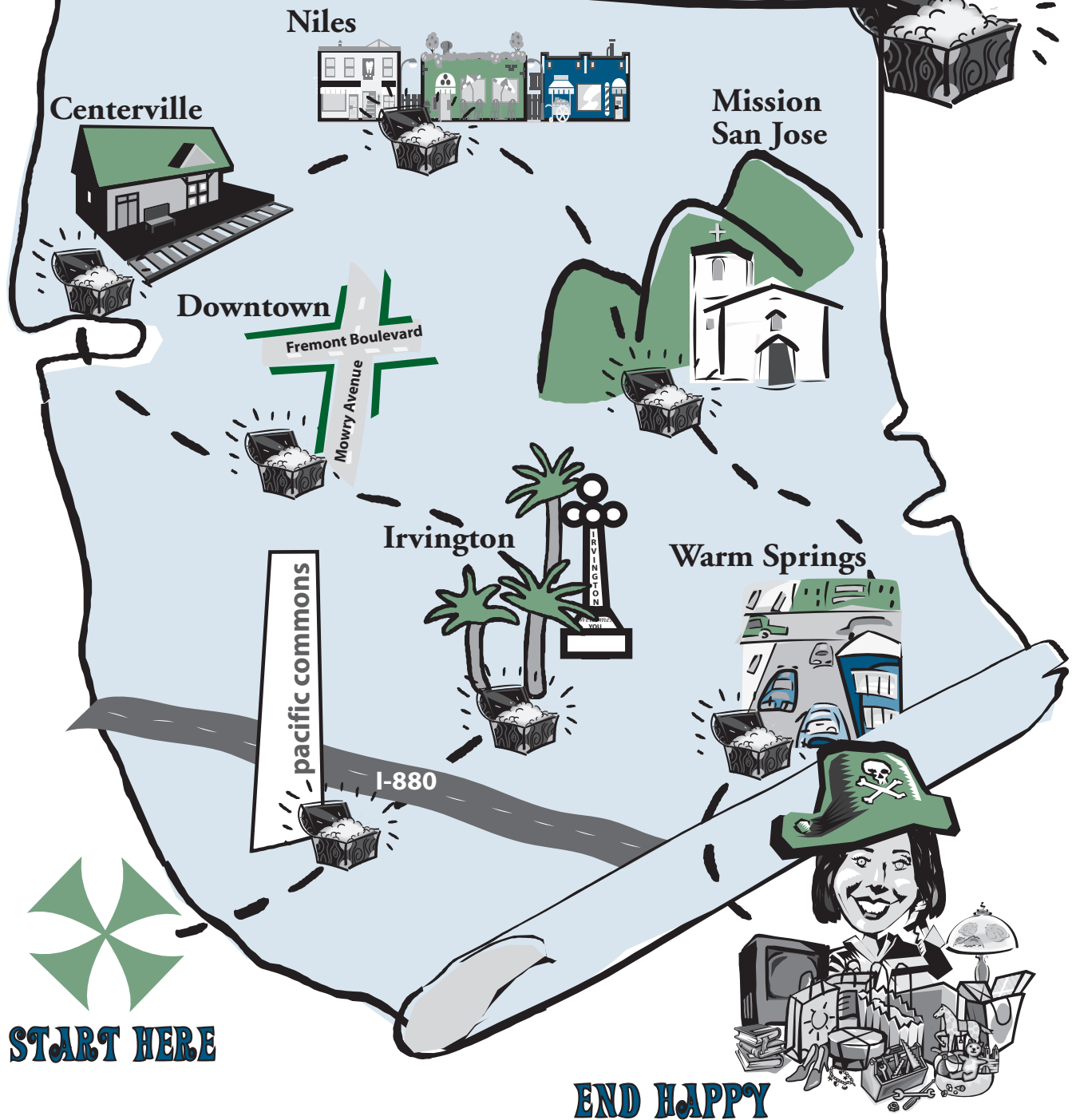
Toyota Logistics Services is the 13<sup>th</sup> Fremont business certified under the Bay Area Green Business Program. Other local companies include: AutoDiagnosis, Best Graphic Image, Club Sport, Del Conte's Landscaping, Ed's Auto Clinic, Fremont Marriott Hotel, Glenmoor Auto Repair, Kinko's, Pete's Foreign Auto Repair, Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, The Pro Shop, and the City of Fremont's Fleet Maintenance Division.

The Alameda County Green Business Program is a partnership of government and businesses. The technical assistance and certification services are free to participating businesses. For information on certification and for Green Business Directories, call Pamela Evans at 567-6770 or visit the regional website at [www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov).

<sup>1</sup> Toyota Logistics Services, Inc., a division of Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., is responsible for processing and delivery of Toyota and Lexus vehicles to 1,509 U.S. dealers, and the export of North American production vehicles to 15 overseas destinations.

\*TLS employees (listed from left to right): Karen Moore, Safety/Environmental Engineer; Richard Oglesby, Safety/Environmental Engineer; and Steven Gregorios, Logistics Services Manager.

# FREMONT'S HIDDEN TREASURES



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